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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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FOR: OPTICAL FIBER SPLICING METHOD AND OPTICAL TRANSMISSION
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Enclosed are:

- ☒ 14 pages of specification, claims, abstract.
- ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ Priority Claimed.
- ☒ Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-401815
- ☒ 5 sheets of formal drawing.
- ☒ An assignment of the invention to Sumitomo Electric Industries, Ltd.
and the assignment recordation fee.
- ☐ An associate power of attorney.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 and reference.
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

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| | NO. OF CLAIMS | | EXTRA CLAIMS | RATE | AMOUNT |
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| Total Claims | 7 | -20 | 0 | \$18.00 | \$0.00 |
| Independent Claims | 3 | -3 | 0 | \$84.00 | \$0.00 |
| Multiple Dependent Claim(s) | | | | | \$0.00 |
| Basic Fee | | | | | \$740.00 |
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